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## HAITIAN PRIDE



### Community keys on Unity Breakfast, Parade

It was a grand time to celebrate and reflect for the city's Haitian community last weekend. First there was the Unity Breakfast on Friday at City Hall Plaza where City Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune was the host. The event featured Haitian patties, Haitian cola (Cola Lakaye), and Soup Joumou by the gallon, along with lots of conversation. Sunday was Parade Day, from Babson Street to Franklin Park along Blue Hill Ave. after two years of a pandemic-induced pause. The stories in photos, Page 18

## Wu, BPS set \$2b initiative 'Green New Deal' for system

Goal: Renovate schools, and build new ones within next 10 years

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

During a visit to the McKinley School in the city's South End last Thursday, Mayor Michelle Wu announced an ambitious \$2 billion (or more) "Green New Deal for BPS" initiative that would see every school in the Boston Public School system upgraded or renovated – and some new buildings constructed – within the next 10 years.

For many parents, teachers, and school observers, the effort seemed to be duplication of things announced before, like Mayor Martin Walsh's BuildBPS program of five years ago. But the mayor and her team touted a new city-school management collaboration that they said could get things done this time, and quickly, with the "full force of city government."

The plan will rely on new technology, new assessments of facilities, an equity lens in prioritizing students served, environmental sustainability, and about \$2 billion-plus of potential



### A reaction, and a proposal

Some parents at the Mather School, shown in 1910 above, are cautiously optimistic about a Green New Deal for the city schools, but they have a higher priority – the installation of a sixth grade. Story, Page 6

funding from state, local, and, perhaps, private sources to realize its goal.

Of that funding, \$605 million is included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) now before the City Council for Phase 1 of the initiative, money that would get the ball rolling on the construction of a new educational complex for Madison Park Technical Vocational High School in Roxbury.

Local projects identified for Dorchester and Mattapan include reconstruction of the old Cleveland Middle

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## Signatures reflect sharp turn on road to the primary vote

By JENNIFER SMITH  
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A busy campaign season crossed a preliminary threshold last week as potential candidates submitted their signatures to local clerks for certification.

State Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz's gubernatorial candidacy kicked off a domino effect down ballot. She is leaving her Second Suffolk district seat to run for governor and will likely face off with Attorney General Maura Healey in the September Democratic primary.

Two Republicans – former state representative Geoff Diehl and businessman Chris Doughty – are also running for the corner office.

A slew of familiar faces are vying to fill Chang-Díaz's seat, which was redrawn after the 2020 Census to stretch farther into Dorchester and

Mattapan, with less of Jamaica Plain inside its borders.

One is former state senator Dianne Wilkerson, the first Black woman elected to the Massachusetts Senate, who served jail time for federal bribery, has submitted the requisite number of signatures to the Boston Elections Department. Wilkerson pleaded guilty to eight counts of attempted extortion in 2010 for taking \$23,500 in bribes.

In interviews since submitting her papers, Wilkerson told a local radio station and the *Boston Globe* that she has more experience than the other candidates, that she highlighted inequities in procurement and education infrastructure, and that she hopes to regain the Second Suffolk's trust.

Wilkerson filed her statement of organization with the Massachusetts

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## MBTA plan would shuffle bus routes in Dot, Mattapan

By JENNIFER SMITH  
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

MBTA bus service would increase significantly in key areas under a new plan rolled out Monday, but funding and staffing uncertainty pose obstacles for the effort to

reimagine a core pillar of the agency's operations.

In what MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak pitched as an "exciting inflection point," officials unveiled a draft new map for the constellation of bus routes in

Boston and dozens of surrounding cities and towns. Dorchester and Mattapan routes would see substantial shuffles of bus lines, with route changes offset by better service speed and frequency along

major arteries and one new bus route added in Dorchester.

The proposal would boost bus service across the board by 25 percent over a five-year period, including a 70 percent increase in the amount

of MBTA bus travel on weekends, aimed at areas where the existing, somewhat archaic bus routes do not currently meet evolving demands on the system.

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Police, Courts & Fire

# Man killed by police in Uphams Corner after officer reportedly stabbed

A 48-year-old man was shot dead by a Boston Police Department (BPD) officer in Dorchester at about 2:40 on Saturday morning after the man allegedly stabbed another officer in the middle of Glendale Street, — a side street off of Hancock Street and Columbia Road.

Two officers were transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, and the male suspect — later identified as Richard Ortiz of Revere — was pronounced dead at the scene.

Interim BPD Commissioner Greg Long said Area C-11 officers responded to the scene in the 20th block of Glendale Street just after 2:30 a.m. Saturday for reports of a man screaming in the street and someone calling for help. It was in that response that things went haywire quickly, said Long.

“Upon arrival, officers encountered a male approximately in his late 40s brandishing a

knife,” he said. “During this encounter, the male suspect stabbed one of the responding officers in the upper torso. Another officer that was on scene discharged his weapon toward the suspect, striking the suspect.”

Long continued: “The suspect was subsequently pronounced on scene. ... This is a very active investigation,” adding, “This is a reminder of the dangers officers face every day and how quickly events can unfold when officers respond to a call,” he said.

Officers were interviewing witnesses and processing the crime scene well into the morning hours after sunrise, and streets in the area were blocked off for many hours — causing some disruption to drivers and the MBTA. Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden was on scene and said, “We have a team in place here...and we will conduct an active and thorough investigation. We’ll follow every protocol and procedure and

let that lead us to where the facts take us.”

The *Boston Globe* reported that Ortiz had been arrested last November for assaulting a family member and breaking into a home on Glendale Street. There was an active warrant out for his arrest at the time of Saturday’s incident, the newspaper reported.

**Warrant issued in stabbing death**

A 39-year-old Boston man is wanted on murder charges for the stabbing death of a Mattapan woman who was found dead on Rosewood Street last week. Police say Terkeisha Boykins, 40, was found stabbed to death around 9:40 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10. She was pronounced dead on the scene. Homicide detectives have secured a warrant to arrest Christopher Howard for the crime. Police say Howard should be “considered armed and dangerous” and urged the public to call 911 immediately if they know his whereabouts.



## Pat O'Neill's ‘magic’ cited at dedication of her ‘community’ room at Adams Street library

The community room at the new Adams Street branch of the Boston Public Library was filled to overflowing last Saturday (May 14) at a ceremony to dedicate the room in memory of Pat O'Neill, the late president of the Adams Ashmont Neighborhood Association (AANA). O'Neill, who died in 2020 at age 80, was instrumental in the push to bring a new library to this corner of Dorchester.

Saturday’s speaking program included current AANA president

Cindy Fadden; the president of the Boston Public Library, David Leonard; Pat’s friend Patricia MacNeill; former City Councillor Andrea Campbell; and Pat’s son Patrick O’Neill.

Gail Ravgiala, Pat’s longtime friend and secretary of the AANA, offered poignant remarks about the honoree’s dedication to the neighborhood.

“Simply by example, Pat taught me, and a lot of people in this room, how community works and why it is important,”



said Ravgiala. “It is not a big thing, but a million little things. That was Pat’s magic. Community doesn’t happen in a day, or at one event. It’s a constant, a living thing that needs to be nurtured and cared for. And she never stopped doing that.”

Saturday’s event was followed by a gathering at one of Pat’s favorite Dorchester restaurants, the Ashmont Grill.

-ED FORRY

# BPDA board approves Jemison as agency’s new director

Arthur Jemison will take the helm at the Boston Planning and Development Agency next Monday after the agency’s board of

directors voted him into the post during its May meeting last week. Jemison — a former US Department of Housing and Urban Development

official whose decades in private and public housing work included stretches in Boston, Detroit, and Washington DC — is also Boston’s first-ever Chief of Planning.

Mayor Michelle Wu selected Jemison to oversee comprehensive planning for the city and a structural reimagining of its development agency, the BPDA.

He said he is hoping to work with Bostonians “to shape an agency that’s building trust through dialogue and helps create a better and brighter future for everyone.”

According to the terms of

Jemison’s dual appointment, he will receive his \$179,000 annual salary and benefits only through the City of Boston as planning chief, not through the BPDA as director.

Brian Golden, the longest-serving chief of the BPDA (formerly known as the Boston Redevelopment Authority) left the agency last month. Under the terms of a separation agreement first reported by *Commonwealth Magazine*, Golden voluntarily resigned and received \$200,000 and acknowledgment of “commendable service.”

BPDA board chair

Priscilla Rojas congratulated Jemison on the post and welcomed him back to Boston. She applauded his “commitment to your craft in building the expertise needed to navigate the complex and multifaceted challenges that come with creating private-public partnerships to build an equitable place to live, work and connect.”

In remarks following the board approval, Jemison thanked his new colleagues for their “forbearance” during the somewhat “unusual” hiring and appointment process.

“The board and the

team at the BPDA have done so much over the past several years to improve the way that planning and development is done in the city,” Jemison said. “And you’ve given me a great platform to build from. I can’t wait to work together with you.”

Jemison said he has spent the past few weeks doing listening tours with BPDA staff and other stakeholders. When Wu selected him, Jemison said, she “was clear she wanted to elevate planning and integrate it with other city departments.”

—JENNIFER SMITH

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## UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

**The 42nd annual Ashmont Hill Yard Sale takes place on Sat., May 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Shoppers will find everything from furniture to potted plants, toys to household items, books to collectables, and more—all at clean-out-the-attic/basement/carriage house prices. Stroll through the neighborhood to enjoy the Victorian architecture and lush gardens that distinguish this pocket of Dorchester; participating houses will have maps showing all selling locations. Ashmont Hill is located between Peabody Square/Ashmont Station and Codman Square. Info: 617-288-6626 or cadmanjoe@aol.com.

**Ward 15 Democratic Committee hosts a public webinar on Sat., May 21 at 10 a.m.** featuring two candidates for 5th Suffolk state representative, Chris Worrell and Danielson Tavares. Join the event online at <https://fb.me/e/zx4fML6TA>.

**Dot Day Parade— The Annual Dorchester**

**Day Parade returns on Sunday, June 5.** The parade begins at 1 p.m. from the corner of Dorchester Avenue and Richmond Street in Lower Mills and proceeds to Columbia Road. Dorchester Avenue will be shut down for a few hours that Sunday with parking restrictions in place on Dot Ave. and Richmond Street. Please see [dotdayparade.com](http://dotdayparade.com) for more info.

**The Little Miss, Young Miss Dorchester contests, originally set for last weekend, have been re-scheduled to take place this Sat., May 21 at 1 p.m. at First Parish Church.** For more information, see [dotdayparade.com](http://dotdayparade.com).

**The Ashmont-Adams section of Dorchester will host the first-ever Dorchester music festival on Dot Day eve, Sat., June 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The free event, which is being co-hosted by Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Association and Greater Ashmont Main Street, will feature more

than 40 performances from a variety of genres, including rock, oldies, acoustic, funk, jazz, hip hop, Haitian, Cape Verdean, folk, Indian, Caribbean, reggae, Latin, electronic, and more. A full roster of performers is available at [dorchfest.com/bands](http://dorchfest.com/bands). Set times and performance locations will be announced later this month. Dorchester is still seeking volunteers to help with day-of logistics; visit [dorchfest.com/volunteer](http://dorchfest.com/volunteer) to sign up.

**The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., May 19 to discuss a proposal for a five-story building with 25 residential units at 120 Bowdoin St. in Dorchester.** The meeting begins at 6 p.m. via Zoom. See ad on page 8 for more info on joining the meeting.

**The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, May 31 to discuss a proposed mixed-use development for 1525 Blue Hill Ave. in Mattapan.** The proposal by New

Millennium LLC would include 16 condos and one commercial space at a site just north of Mattapan Square. More info at [bostonplans.org](http://bostonplans.org) or see ad on page 4.

**Free registration is now open for the Eversource Walk for Boston Children's Hospital, happening on Sunday, June 12 at 9 a.m.** Now in its 20th year, the event offers participants the ability to gather and walk along the Charles River Esplanade in Boston or join virtually from anywhere in the world. Organizers for this year’s event are hoping to register 5,000 participants and raise \$1.7 million. To register, go to [bostonchildrens.org/walk](http://bostonchildrens.org/walk). Participants who raise over \$150 by April 29 will receive a Walk t-shirt ahead of the walk on June 12.

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# ‘Oasis’ named Unity Park opens Monday on Blue Hill Avenue

**By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR**

There probably hasn’t been a park opened along on Blue Hill Avenue for probably more than 100 years, but that will change next Monday when Unity Park opens to the public.

Located in the 700 block between a tire shop, large residential buildings, and a frequently parked mobile fruit dealer, the Park is being described as an “oasis” amid a very busy and challenging stretch of the Avenue corridor.

The new Park comprises some 5,000 square feet. The space formerly was a vacant lot, but it has been transformed into a one-of-a-kind terraced park with a unique play area, a sprinkler pad, a small gardening area, trees, a performance space, and quiet areas to relax.

A bonus to all that is the dramatic and strategic lighting that brightens up nighttime at the park in what could be described as artistic fashion.

Unity Park is a partnership between Lena Park Community Development Corporation, which owns the lot and abutting residential buildings, and the City of Boston’s Community Preservation Act fund (CPA).

“That is going to be an oasis for families living or walking along Blue Hill Avenue in what is a very tough corner,” said state Rep. Russell Holmes, who has assisted with the development.



Unity Park on Blue Hill Avenue will open to the public next Monday. The new space is a partnership between Lena Park Community Development Corporation and the city’s Community Preservation Act fund. *Seth Daniel photo*

Olinka Bricera, chair of the Lena Park Board of Directors, said she is very excited about families in their buildings being able to let their kids play in the park while watching them from their apartments.

“This is literally going to be their backyard,” she said. “It will also have a sprinkler for kids to play in and I think that’s the only sprinkler available in the entire area. It’s even set up to have a performing stage for events and music. People in our buildings will be able to see their kids playing there. You don’t often find that. It’s very exciting for us.”

The design of Unity Park has been heavily influenced by the Lena Park Youth Council, along with the Boston Society of Architects and Boston Society of Landscape Architects. The ribbon will be cut at the park at 3 p.m. on Monday.



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# Grass-roots group wants better safety plan from BPS; sees receivership as a good tool

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

There has been a consistent and steady drumbeat over the last few months from the Boston SOS (Safety in Our Schools) group, and that has simply been for the city to come up with a plan that will keep the public schools free of guns.

As of this week, organizers in the group said, their calls have only been returned with silence.

With reports coming out more frequently about assaults, violence, and aggressive bullying incidents in the Boston Public Schools (BPS), and with some elected officials contending that official reports are not reflecting accurate counts of incidents, BostonSOS points to all of that – and the eight reported incidents of guns being found in the schools this year – as evidence that serious action is needed.

Noting the silence from official Boston, the group’s leader, Rev. David Searles of East Boston, said in a recent interview with the *Reporter* that they are looking at state receivership for BPS as a potential ally for their cause.

“The evidence is mounting each week of the dangerous situation the children and youth are facing in schools throughout the city of Boston,” said Searles. “As a member of the clergy, I’m a mandated reporter – a process known as a 51A. I can’t ‘51A’ the entire BPS as they told me there is no mechanism for that. That’s when we began to look at state receivership and maybe that’s our 51A mechanism here for school safety...(BPS) has proven to be irresponsible and maybe we need the state to take over.”

Searles added that the eight gun incidents doesn’t touch on other bad

behaviors that concern parents. Those include the numbers of assaults reported; students rallying this month at Boston Arts Academy (BAA) for safety; the shooting of a teacher and student outside TechBoston Academy; and the alleged violent incident that took place at the Henderson Upper School last fall; and others that show up weekly only on videos posted to social media sites.

Parents within BostonSOS frequently don’t know where else to turn, said Searles.

Christine Jean, a Dorchester resident whose granddaughter attends a BPS program, said the safety situation is a top concern for her. “I am terrified to hear what is going on in Boston schools,” she said. “The mayor needs to provide a safety plan to keep guns out of schools.”

Councillor Erin Murphy of Dorchester, who has been looking closely at school safety all year, told the *Reporter* this week that there needs to be clear policies about discipline and the Code of Conduct. For many students, families and teachers, the situation can be confusing.

“I’m hearing from a lot of parents that their kids don’t use the bathroom at school because they don’t feel it’s safe, or else they just don’t want to go to school,” she said. “To just ignore the problem or act like it doesn’t happen confuses parents and students.

“They wonder why a student is back in class and why they didn’t get in trouble and what behavior is okay and isn’t. It’s no longer like ‘What if someone gets hurt.’ People are getting hurt.”

BostonSOS formed from the weekly meetings at Dorchester’s Ella Baker

House, where for years providers, community organizations, clergy, and law enforcement have convened to discuss incidents from all over the city. Their focus is on how to provide early interventions and shine a light on street violence.

Searles said he has attended those meetings for some time, and increasingly over the last 12 months, he began to hear of more and more incidents of school violence. When he returned to East Boston, he also heard worried parents – both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking – who weren’t being heard and didn’t know what to do.

“After hearing it week after week, some of us began to organize around school safety, particularly because it wasn’t coming up on anyone else’s radar screen,” he said.

A backdrop issue to their push was the reorganization of the Boston School Police last summer, which changed the focus of that force and took away its enforcement powers. They are now called Safety Officers and operate out of the BPS Department of Safety Services. The change was prompted by the 2020 Police Reform Act passed by the state, but BPS in particular chose not to certify its School Police under the new law and instead transformed them into safety officers. Police responses to schools now come from the Boston Police Department (BPD), though safety officers can assist.

Searles said things like the School Police and metal detectors have routinely come up as options for their group. He contended the BAA rally earlier this month in Fields Corner is a snapshot of things going on across the city.

He said that “getting rid of the School



Rev. David Searles, pictured here at a Peace Walk three years ago, has helped to form the new grassroots BostonSOS (Safety in Our Schools) group.

Police and the safety mechanisms in the schools becomes an ideology for a lot of people, and there’s no other solution they offer to keep guns out of the schools. ...We can’t afford rhetoric; we want results.”


Searles feels the ‘School to Prison Pipeline’ argument, which is cited often as a concern when it comes to discipline and School Police presence, needs to be studied more carefully.

“In Boston, it becomes ‘We don’t want to encourage these kids going to prison and so everyone else suffers because of it.’”

As a starting point, BostonSOS wants to meet with Mayor Wu to address guns in schools. Beyond that, they have had discussions with a few city councillors about metal detectors. Those discussions didn’t go well, Searles said.

“I feel it’s the height of political privilege for someone who goes to an office – that being City Hall – that is protected by a set of metal detectors and then turns around and says they won’t offer the same protection for children,” he said.

Searles said his group would like to see a plan from Wu that implements early interventions, including School Police, and community-based support services – while also leaning on appropriate disciplinary consequences for bad behaviors.



Virtual Public Meeting

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Tuesday, May 31

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(Continued from page 1) School (which now houses CASH – Community Academy of Science and Health) in Fields Corner, and a new PreK-6th grade school in Dorchester/Mattapan that would potentially require closure and mergers of existing schools.

Beyond that, Wu said, “Every school and school community” would be touched by the program with things like new bathrooms, outdoor spaces, gardens, solar panels, and fresh water. I would like us to have fully redone every school building in Boston in the next decade. That is ambitious, and if it can be reined in faster – great.”

She continued, “We’re moving as fast as we can, but I know that our pace of how we do things cannot be at the usual speed of government. We have to move with the urgency of our families... We need to prove it works. In some ways, previous processes have just exacerbated the frustrations of families in certain ways.”

School Committee Chair – and Dorchester resident – Jeri Robinson said students in Boston should have buildings just as nice as those of workers downtown and in the Seaport. “As Bos-

tonians we’ve been here before,” she said. “Many times, we’ve heard the promises and we see some things happen, but for the majority of our kids, that isn’t the experience... They deserve the best that Boston can give them.”

Wu also noted that she was part of BuildBPS when she was a city councillor, but she said that process fell short and frustrated parents. “Even when we restarted the commitment to new buildings, it was one school every seven years,” she said. “So, we really need to flip that to where we’re doing many schools at the same time, tightening up the timelines for these processes.”

The biggest news for Dorchester and Mattapan was the announcement that a new Madison Park educational complex, funding for which is in the proposed capital budget, would be built on its current site in Roxbury. City Operations Chief Dion Irish, who will co-lead the New Deal with BPS Operations Chief Indira Alvarez, said a \$500,000 assessment study of Madison Park could begin as early as July 1, if approved. He estimated a three- to five-year pro-

cess for a new building to be student-ready.

Wu said city and school officials visited other vocational schools in places like Worcester hoping to get ideas for what would be good for a new Madison Park.

“There are incredible things happening at Madison Park... but the building feels so outdated, and we need to make sure we have cutting-edge, state-of-the-art facilities for our young people,” she said. “Madison Park is often left off the list when we think about facilities... The goal is to bring a brand-new Madison Park.”

State Rep. Russell Holmes said Madison Park has been the focus of concerns aired by him and other elected officials of color. He said they met last month with Wu and administration where they learned that Madison Park was going to lose some of its state licenses because the building was too antiquated.

“We should not be having to consider the thought of state receivership or not getting licenses because of the physical decay of our buildings,” he said. “We have the money. We have the resources. It is abso-

lutely possible to do this, and it should have been done a long time ago.”

In what could be a more controversial building plan, the long-promised new PreK-6th grade school would house students on the west side of Dorchester and Mattapan. However, according to the Green New Deal website, building that school will require looking at merging several small neighborhood schools.

The new school had been promised in 2021, but a site couldn’t be located. Under the New Deal, the city would commit funding, site selection would be accelerated, and the design work would be launched. Talks with the various schools about mergers, and potential closings, is to start this year.

“Beginning SY22-23,” website documents noted, “BPS will engage several smaller Dorchester and Mattapan school communities – including but not limited to the Shaw, the Taylor, the Greenwood, Lee Academy, the Kenny, and the Holmes – to determine which schools will ultimately merge into a new Dorchester elementary school.”

In Fields Corner, renovating the old Cleveland

building involves several moves because the Community Academy of Science and Health (CASH) will stay in rehabbed facility and BAA will be moving to their new school in the Fenway.

Next fall, CASH will move into the old BAA space while the city renovates the inside of the current CASH space at a cost of \$2.15 million for roof replacement and outside exterior repairs.

Beyond the Phase 1 projects, Wu and BPS Supt. Brenda Cassellius said simple upgrades like bathrooms and catching up with deferred maintenance would be key to the plan.

“This is an opportunity today to put a down payment on those promises that the City of Boston is making to our children, and they deserve nothing less,” said Cassellius, who is leaving the district at the end of June.

She noted that the facilities team right now is working on bathrooms, clean drinking water, covering radiators so children don’t get burned, and fixing windows all over the district.

Said Wu: “We’re seeing that [deferred maintenance] has built and reinforced mistrust

between the city and the community we are here to serve.”

Irish and Alvarez said the city and schools have created a dashboard that will be constantly updated in assessing building maintenance needs in a number of categories, from roofs to bathrooms to boilers. That data will come together to form an overall building score – with 75 percent coming from the maintenance needs and 25 percent coming from student population demographics. The scores are used to determine priorities in the program.

Irish said they are now using information that is already known to them from previous facilities surveys. However, they are contracting with a company to do a full-scale assessment of all facilities in the district that will be added to the dashboard upon completion.

Getting the job done, Irish said, will be all about increasing the staff and working in collaboration. The city pledged to add 10 new positions to the Public Facilities Department (PFD) to work on the New Deal, while BPS will add 15 new positions for the same purpose.

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# Find Your Better Nature

# Some Mather parents say school needs a rehab – and a sixth grade

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

While it was high-fives and smiles in City Hall about the ambitious Green New Deal for BPS schools last week, so far in neighborhoods like Dorchester it has been a shrug of the shoulders – and, at best, a wary optimism.

Mayor Michelle Wu called on the “full force of city government” last week to have every Boston Public School (BPS) redone, or new schools constructed, within 10 years. The initiative is a capstone issue for Wu’s administration, something she promised to do when she was running for mayor last year.

Count even her strongest supporters skeptical, however. While many in Dorchester say they support Wu and want her to succeed, they also say they aren’t sure if she knows what she is getting into.

At the Mather School K-5 on Meetinghouse Hill, parents at the 117-year-old schoolhouse said they’re feeling everything from “cautious optimism” to “deeply skeptical,” with one parent saying he felt the system was so broken that facilities upgrades – though needed – may

not be the most pressing problem.

“I wish I were more optimistic and more excited about this, but I understand there are politics involved,” said Moses Park, a Mather School Site Council member. “My perception is there will be some schools that get a bulk of the help and others that get just the crumbs left over. That’s a travesty...It’s such a broken system and I don’t think this should be addressed first.”

At the Mather, parents said the building is quite outdated, but is ahead of other Dorchester schools as they have “figured out how to make it work.” By and large, many of the public schools in Dorchester were built between 1900 and 1905 – with the Mather being certified for occupancy March 31, 1905. While those towering red-brick monsters tend to show off classic school architecture, massive windows, amazing masonry work, and fine architectural details, their insides have failed to keep up with even 20th-century standards due to a history of disinvestment and neglect.

At the Mather, one parent, Jane Park, noted that there is one bath-

room, with no sinks, for the entire first floor that is shared by all grades. To wash up, students use the sinks in the hallway. Additionally, many parents have concerns with kindergartners sharing the same bathroom with fifth graders.

Meanwhile, accessibility is a huge problem at the school for anyone who has physical challenges.

“I know one guardian who has a scooter to get around and can’t actually go inside the building because there just isn’t any part of the Mather that is accessible,” said parent Molly Warner. “I know another student who injured herself and couldn’t attend school for six weeks because there was no way for her to use crutches to go to the top floor where she had her classroom.”

Warner added that any work that gets done is usually constructed in a “haphazard” way and not by any sort of plan. She recalled when a leak caused calcification on an entire classroom wall, and “they determined it wasn’t mold, so the classroom was being used, but it really wasn’t okay.”

For all three parents, and many others at the Mather, the more



The Mather School in the 21st century.

pressing issue ahead of the inadequate facility is not having a sixth grade. Because the Mather is a K-5, many parents are left in the lurch once a student moves to the sixth grade. With most schools running from 7-12 now, Mather parents must search for somewhere to land for one year before their child transfers to seventh grade. To avoid that situation, many bypass the Mather, which is why parents there have been fighting unsuccessfully for a sixth grade more than five years. Several other schools

in Dorchester fall into the same category – the Oliver Wendell Holmes Innovation School, the John Winthrop School, and the Edward Everett School.

“We can have a bright, shiny building but families still might not come to the Mather because there is no sixth,” said Warner. “Those are issues that go hand-in-hand. We’re already calculating in first grade what to do about sixth grade and it does feel daunting.”

Added Jane Park, “I wonder if there are too many other problems to

now prioritize facilities. With the leadership being so unstable, I feel skeptical. I’m not skeptical of Mayor Wu, but I know she’s up against a large beast in BPS. I’m just not sure how it will play out in real time.”

The Mather School, the oldest free public school in America and one that traces its origins back to 1639, was not identified by name in Phase 1 of the Green New Deal for BPS, but it is one of dozens of schools that would get upgrades to facilities for accessibility and bathrooms.

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# Paper Chase: Dot woman navigated many challenges to obtain her degree

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

On the way to any type of college degree, there's always a mountain to climb, but for many students in Boston, like Dorchester's Jessica Supreme, their journey can be more difficult than others with steep cliffs and dangerous overhangs that life puts in the way to graduation day.

Over the coming weeks, Supreme, a resident of Dorchester for the last five years since immigrating from Haiti, will join thousands of other Boston area college students in getting their degrees. In her case, she received an associate's degree in Early Childhood Education from Roxbury Community College (RCC) last Friday (May 13) at its 46th commencement ceremony in the Reggie Lewis Center.

While a lot of paper was handed out to graduates celebrating completion of their studies, the diploma that the just-turned 28-year-old Supreme earned perhaps carries little more weight than many others.

During her three and a half years of English classes and studies en route to her degree, Supreme not only worked

full-time, but she also took care of her mother, who died from cancer two years ago, while she was raising her teen-age sister

"I worked at Dunkin' Donuts and I was able to do it at the same time as school," she said. "When it got very difficult is when my mom got diagnosed with cancer. When that happened, I also had to take care of my mom, too...I didn't want to drop out. Many people advised me to put a pause on my studies because so much was going on in my life—take a semester off. That was not an option. My mother would have killed me."

During those times, Supreme described a lifestyle many would not be able to keep that foremost included being at the hospital with her mother as much as possible. She went to work, then to the hospital, and then left the hospital for her classes at RCC. After school, she returned to the hospital and kept her mother company while doing her homework. In between, she would check in on her sister. The next day, she would repeat her routine.

It was daunting, but support from family, friends, and her RCC professors made things

possible.

"They understood. If I couldn't get my homework done on a certain day, they would allow me to turn it in later that week," she said. "They knew what I was up against. I needed that at that moment; I really needed it."

It has been at journey that she feels was her destiny. After graduating from high school in Haiti, she went to work as an assistant teacher at a pre-school and really enjoyed it. Finally, she decided to enroll in college, and a few months later, she learned that her stepfather had gotten the approvals for her, her mother, and her sister to emigrate to Boston. She said she didn't want to leave her friends and her life behind, and often prayed that something would go wrong, and she would stay in Haiti. Five years ago, however, she stepped off a plane in Boston and started a journey that will reach a life-changing milestone this week.

"After being here now, I see God had me come for a reason," she said. "With us coming here, I was able to take care of my mom and now take care of my sister. I am grateful to have been able to come here."

It was during her mother's illness that Supreme became motivated to study English and excel at RCC in Second Language (ESL) classes.

"When I first got here not knowing one word of English, whenever people talked to me all they got from me was either 'yes' or 'no,'" she recalled with a laugh. "It didn't matter if you wanted to kill me; I'd say 'yes.' It got to a point where I wanted to change that. I got tired of that and when my mom was diagnosed with cancer, I realized we needed someone in the family that could go and understand and advocate for her. A lot was going on and none of us understood entirely what it was."

Not expecting to go further than ESL graduation, Supreme said she was intrigued when RCC staff began talking about next steps at the school. She had no idea there was an ongoing pathway, and while others suggested nursing as an option, she knew she wanted to pursue her first love, Early Childhood Education.

"I just love working with children and knowing I am shaping young children's lives," she said. "I could be going through so much like



Jessika Supreme graduated on May 13 from Roxbury Community College (RCC) with a hard-earned associate's degree in Early Childhood Education.  
*Seth Daniel photo*


with my mom, but just one word from the children helps me forget what I'm going through."

RCC Interim President Jackie Jenkins Scott said students like Supreme are an inspiration to the RCC community, especially at graduation time when all the trials pay off.


"We empower our community through education that matters," Jenkins-Scott said. "RCC students are our inspi-

ration. They have the intelligence, strength, and perseverance necessary to succeed and to make a difference in the world."

That perseverance for Supreme will continue, she said, as she pursues a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education at UMass Boston. She hopes one day to become a lead teacher at a Boston Public Schools pre-school site.



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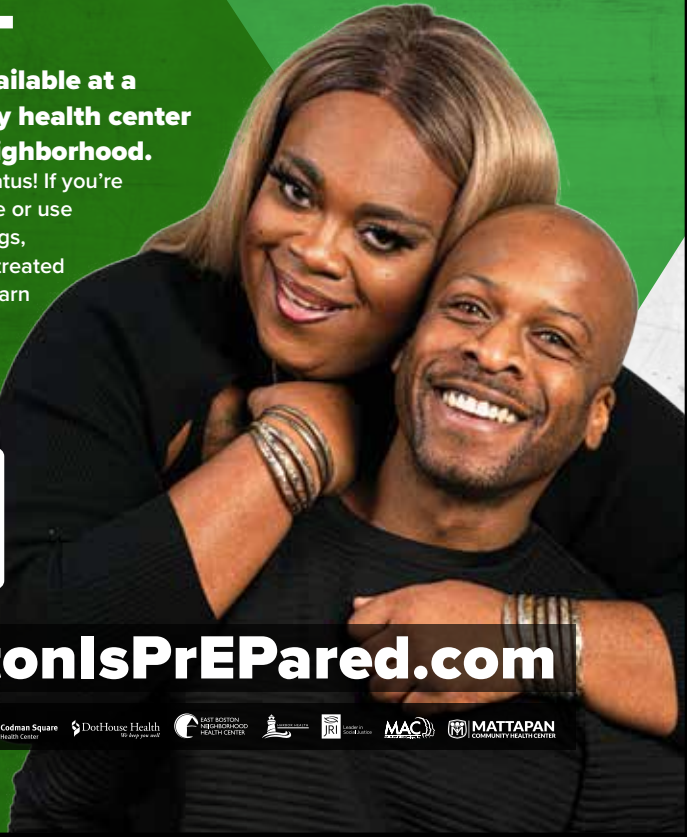
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Dorchester resident Lexi Wright and Jade Oyekoya and Serenity Mingoies of Mattapan, all 13, meet Blades the Boston Bruins mascot at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's All Girls Sports and Wellness Festival on April 20. Participants found a variety of fun ways to exercise mind, body, and spirit and try out different sports with expert instructors including basketball, dance fitness, rock climbing, swimming, soccer, and more.



Michelle Rubiera of 1 More Rep Athletics leads a Zumba group at the All Girls Sports and Wellness Festival hosted by Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at the BCYF Leahy-Holloran Community Center in Dorchester on April 20.



Dorchester pals Guilianna Noto, 11, and Meghan Coppney, 10, enjoy pool time at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's All Girls Sports and Wellness Festival on April 20. Participants in the free school vacation week event at the BCYF Leahy-Holloran Community Center found a variety of fun ways to exercise mind, body, and spirit and try out different sports with expert instructors including basketball, dance fitness, rock climbing, swimming, soccer, and more.



Nine-year-old Julia Keane of Dorchester tries rock climbing at the All Girls Sports and Wellness Festival hosted by Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at the BCYF Leahy-Holloran Community Center in Dorchester on April 20.



Ten-year-old McKenna Savicke of Dorchester gets a thumbs-up from lifeguard Jose Vieira at the BCYF Leahy-Holloran Community Center during the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's All Girls Sports and Wellness Festival on April 20.

Jon Seamans photos

Pinkham elected to chair Members Plus board

Craig A. Pinkham has been elected to serve as chair of the Members Plus Credit Union's Board of Directors, succeeding Board Chair Michael "Mike" Nee, who has served since 2014. Nee will remain as a director.

"We are proud of the

legacy of service Mike Nee has provided the credit union," said John Murphy, President and CEO of Members Plus. "Our all-volunteer board is exceptionally dedicated to ensuring that everyone who banks with or borrows from us receives the best value

and service possible. We have always relied on our board to provide strong leadership and governance, and we look forward to continued success under the direction of Craig Pinkham." Pinkham has served on the board of the credit union since 2009, most

recently as treasurer and previously as a member of the Credit and Personnel Committees. Currently, he is the national vice president for the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA). He began his career working at NSTAR Electric, now known as "Eversource,"

and previously held the positions of president of the UWUA Local 369, its secretary-treasurer, and chief financial officer. He has also served as a member of the National Utility Workers Union of America Executive Board.



Craig A. Pinkham

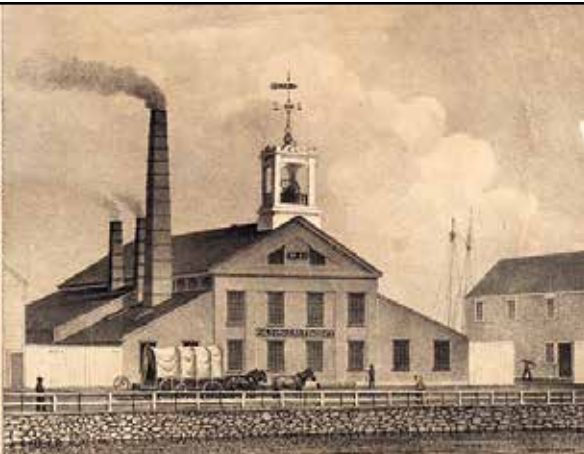
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The Thacher House and Fulton Iron Foundry

The location of the Fulton Iron Foundry in South Boston provided easy access to the then navigable Fort Point Channel, as well as connections to railroad lines, with spurs connecting directly to foundry buildings. Thacher's foundry was not the only one in South Boston in the mid-19th century. By 1850, Cyrus Alger's South Boston Iron Works, a corner of which can be seen at the lower right on this map, was the largest foundry in the country. By the mid 19th cen-



The Thacher family estate is at the left of today's illustration. It was known as "Hillside," and was located on the north side of Jones Hill. The building at the right is the Fulton Iron Foundry. George C. Thacher was a founder and owner of the Fulton Iron Foundry, which was located in South Boston, at the intersection of Dorchester Avenue and Foundry Street, with offices on Long Wharf, in Boston.



tury, iron foundries dominated the "lower end" of South Boston. The lithograph, from the collection at the Boston Public Library, shows the Fulton Iron Foundry in the period 1842-1856. The legend says: "The Fulton Iron Foundry. Geo. C. Thacher, Thomas Thacher and Thomas T. Thacher, Jr., Proprietors." [This paragraph was taken mostly from a house history report written by Marti Glynn in the Dorchester Historical Society's house history project.

You can see finished reports on the Society's website. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at [dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org](http://dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org). ... **Reminder:** A house history from the Dorchester Historical Society would make a great gift to a homeowner in Dorchester or Mattapan. Take a look at some of the completed histories on the Dorchester Historical Society website.

# Columbia Point perfect for new federal biomed HQ

In the early 1970s, large chunks of the Columbia Point peninsula remained a barren moonscape. Even as UMass Boston’s campus started to carve out its own fortress-like-foothold, the former landfill was seen as a decrepit no man’s land.

The John F. Kennedy Library, then still on the drawing boards, was bound for the banks of the Charles River on the Harvard University campus, where JFK had studied history before shipping off to war. The idea of building a federally funded monument to the slain president on this forlorn peninsula in Dorchester was laughable.

But, before the decade ended, there was President Jimmy Carter standing up at the dais, backdropped by IM Pei’s iconic white edifice, dedicating the JFK Library. In Dorchester.

How that happened has been told in the pages of the *Reporter* before and it has a good deal to do with the NIMBYism and short-sightedness of our friends in Cambridge. But it also happened because Dorchester people— seizing upon the Kennedy family’s Dot roots— made it their mission to sell Columbia Point as the location.

Fast forward fifty years. On Monday, according to *The Boston Globe*, a cadre of power brokers huddled up at the UMass Club in Boston to strategize on luring a new federal prize to the state: a biomedical research agency that the Biden administration calls the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health. It’s essentially Biden’s answer to Kennedy’s Apollo mission. But instead of racing to the moon, Biden wants the \$1 billion research agency to cure cancer and other chronic diseases.

Monday’s powwow, according to the *Globe*, included Gov. Baker, US Sen. Ed Markey, members of Congress, and leaders from business and academia, including Marty Meehan, the UMass president, who, the *Globe* says, has been charged with getting buy-in for the state’s pitch from other universities.

There’s no mention of it in the *Globe* story, but Columbia Point should once again be at the front of the minds of everyone who met on Monday. And if it isn’t, it needs to be.

At the moment, the city’s planning agency is in the final stretch of reviewing initial plans for Dorchester Bay City, the 34-acre development that includes some 20 acres of land leased from UMass. The deal will be a windfall worth hundreds of millions for the Dorchester campus, which needs the infusion to further improve its own campus.

Now, imagine the wider implications of siting the nation’s leading bio-medical research facility right next to UMass Boston.

In March, former UMass Boston Chancellor Katherine Newman co-authored an op-ed in the *Reporter* that made the case for Dorchester Bay City as a catalyst “for long-term racial and class integration of biotech.”

“The sooner Dorchester Bay City starts attracting large firms and startups, the sooner UMass Boston’s students of color will begin to populate this industry,” Newman wrote.

She’s right. This time, our neighborhood shouldn’t be an after-thought or a runner up in the race for a federal designation. If our leaders move jointly and judiciously, there’s a tremendous opportunity to bring this agency within Dorchester Bay City. Let’s make it happen.

-Bill Forry

# Dot kid grows a garden in Brooklyn

By EDWARD M. COOK  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

“Are you and John married?” This question came years ago across the backyard fence from five-year-old Kofi Thomas, with his three-year-old sister, Kalima, standing wide-eyed behind him. Picture this little boy asking this question with a smile and twinkle in his eye that said, “I know I’m being wicked, and I am loving it.” His mother, Wilma, had probably compared the relationship of their two gay neighbors to that of a married couple years before same sex marriage was legalized.

Kofi’s parents are from the Caribbean’s Commonwealth of Dominica: Named by the Spanish, colonized by the French, and then the British, inhabited by descendants of enslaved Africans and the remnants of the indigenous Carib (aka Kalinago) people. His mom passed along her hilarity gene to him. Wilma is a well-known comedian in the Dominican community of Boston and would show up to our St. Patrick’s Day parties doing a standup routine portraying an old Irish woman so successfully that when she returned after changing out of her costume, people would say, “You just missed this hilarious old Irish woman telling jokes and carrying on.”

Several years ago, Kofi struck out for New York to try to become a standup comedian after a few years on the Boston circuit. And he settled in the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn, where, in 2017, he came upon a 13,000 square-foot vacant lot around the corner from his apartment. The lot had originally been a city park but had been neglected for years and become a dumping ground, full of sinkholes, debris, and overgrown with invasive plants. Clearly no one was caring for the property, and homeless people were occupying some of the space, harassing women and residents of the adjacent senior housing complex as they passed by.

“You can imagine what kind of toll it will take on you if you have this garden space that you see every day for years slowly become dirtier and darker and less welcoming, becoming more and more dangerous, and how you internalize that, how you feel about yourself and your neighborhood,” Kofi said. “You feel like nobody is coming to help you, and the city isn’t coming to help you, and when nobody cares, it affects you.”

The always gregarious and inquisitive kid from Longfellow Street began to ask around. He spoke to elders on the street and to gardening enthusiasts in the neighborhood. He and a couple of guys just showed up one day with rakes, shovels, and garbage



Kofi Thomas in his garden spot in Brooklyn.  
Photo courtesy of Good Life Garden

bags and over the following weeks removed tons of trash, from broken shards of glass to abandoned kitchen stoves.

“We just decided to go in there and start doing it until someone said to stop,” Kofi said. No one told them to.

More volunteers appeared, and Kofi met with officials from NYC’s Parks and Rec and raised money from city nonprofits to build raised bed and add ten tons of soil. In 2018, a signup sheet was posted for neighborhood people who wanted to garden and names were added immediately. A GoFundMe page was opened, and so the Good Life Garden was born.

More repairs were made. Programs were begun for children and neighbors who wanted to learn about gardening. The Garden hosts art festivals, picnics, and poets, musicians, and artists. Fresh vegetables are available for free to neighbors, a women’s shelter, church groups. To date, they have given out 10,000 pounds of food.

Somehow, word of the magical Good Life Garden reached the producers of the Ellen DeGeneres Show and Kofi was flown to Hollywood to appear with her and tell the story of the Bushwick phenomenon. During the interview, DeGeneres told Kofi that she had a surprise for him, and someone appeared from stage left with an oversized check for \$20,000 made out to Kofi Thomas! In addition, he received a gift card for another \$5,000. Kofi is using this money to pay for some of his time so that he can devote himself to raising money to open four more gardens in nearby neighborhoods and, if they get the support, to add chickens and composting to the services.

The kid with the devilish smile, the jokester, the avid gardener from Dorchester, is a magician in Bushwick, and a credit to his family and The Dot.

# Why not use excess BPS space for subsidized housing for its teachers?

By MEG CAMPBELL  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

As co-chair of the Rafael Hernandez School Parent Council in 1986, I joined Frank Fornaro from the superintendent’s office, principal Margarita Muñiz, and other parents to visit buildings owned by the city that were vacant or not slated for continued occupancy. Our school was being allowed to expand from a K-5 dual language school, then located in tight quarters in a former car dealership on Columbia Road in Dorchester, to a K-8 dual language school. But where could we go?

When Frank gave us a tour of the Roosevelt School building in Egleston Square in Roxbury, built in 1922 but scheduled to close in months, I was aghast that students were attending a school where graffiti covered bathroom walls, and hallways were lit by the original long, dangling single pendants. I had trouble looking beyond the poor maintenance and disrepair.

“Look at the bones of the building,” we were advised. “The ceilings are high. The floors are hard wood. The windows open. There’s a gym, an auditorium, and a playground. Look at the building and grounds as if you were a developer wanting to turn this into condos.” We said yes. The renovated Hernandez school continues to be a popular choice across the city for parents wanting their children to become fluent in two languages.

Some of the nicest condos and apartments in Boston are in former - and very old - Boston school buildings. These are beautiful buildings with architectural, and in some cases, historical significance. Take the former Phillips School at 41 Phillips Street on Beacon Hill, built in 1824 and now a site on the African American Heritage Trail for being one the first racially integrated schools in Boston in 1855. There is a 1500-square foot, 2-bedroom condo there currently listed for \$2,655,000.

From Jamaica Plain High School, built in 1900, to the former South Boston Bigelow School, built

in 1901, there are former schoolhouses throughout Boston that were converted to private housing when enrollment plummeted in the 1970s. Developers lined up to obtain them, and they proved to be prescient investments.

We have a serious excess capacity issue in the Boston Public Schools. We have the Timilty, Irving, and Jackson-Mann schools closing in June, and we have excess space – lots of it in some cases – in existing schools. Before we rush to give away more closed school buildings to developers, let’s pause for a moment and take stock of what we have and what we could have. Let’s also think creatively about uses of excess space within larger school buildings.

Epiphany School in Dorchester and MATCH Charter School have successfully implemented on-site residential programs for new teachers for years. They offer first-year teachers or teacher interns subsidized housing owned by the school. As part of the Boston Teacher Residency program, in addition to earning a master’s degree, recent graduates could obtain subsidized housing either in a BPS school or in a former BPS school in a community where they are assigned. Providing subsidized housing would be a powerful incentive to attract new teachers to Boston.

The city already owns the buildings and the land. While the average school in Boston is 80 years old, much older than other cities, ironically, many of the older buildings have better architectural “bones” than those built in the 70’s era of fortress-like brutalist buildings. We won’t be sorry to see those windowless buildings go.

With nearly 900 unfilled job openings for next year currently in the Boston Public Schools’ books, we need creative long-term enhancements to attract skilled talent. It will be disheartening if high end condos go into the former Timilty, Irving, and Jackson-Mann, and if as part of the ambitious \$2 billion “Green New deal for schools” we can’t recycle and reuse vacant school buildings to create housing for new teachers.

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# ‘Great replacement theory’ has roots deep in post-Civil War racist reactions

By Heather Cox Richardson  
Last Saturday, an 18-year-old white man murdered 10 people and wounded three others using an AR-15 in a Buffalo food market. The shooter traveled more than 200 miles to get to a predominantly Black neighborhood, where he put on heavy body armor and live streamed his attack as he gunned down people grocery shopping. Eleven of those he shot were Black.

**Commentary** The Buffalo police commissioner, Joseph Gramaglia, said, “The evidence that we have uncovered so far makes no mistake that this is an absolute racist hate crime. It will be prosecuted as a hate crime. This is someone who has hate in their heart, soul, and mind.”

Before his attack, the shooter published a 180-page screed on Google Drive. It is mostly a list of his weaponry, but in it he also explained his belief in what is known as the “great replacement theory,” embraced by white nationalists. This is the idea that white people are losing economic, cultural, and political power to Black people and other people of color. The name is usually associated with a French agitator who argued in a 2011 book that immigrants were destroying European culture, but the theory that an “other” is destroying traditional society has roots stretching far back in European history. In the twenty-first century, that theory has launched right-wing political parties and shootings around the world.

But the Buffalo shooter’s ramblings drew not only from the European theory—although there is plenty of that in his 180 pages of racism and anti-Semitism. They also drew from America’s own version of a theory of replacement.

That theory comes out of the 1870s and was explicitly connected to voting.

In 1867, Congress began the process of recognizing the right of Black people to have a say in their government. In the Military Reconstruction Act, it called for conventions in former Confederate states to write new state constitutions and permitted Black southerners to register to vote to choose delegates to those conventions. White supremacists scoffed at the idea that formerly enslaved people and those white men willing to work with them could produce coherent constitutions.

When their constitutions not only were coherent, but made adjustments to give more representation to poorer white men than the prewar constitutions had provided, white supremacists set out to make sure voters did not ratify the new constitutions. Needing to avoid the U.S. Army, still stationed in the South to protect Black people and their white allies, the white supremacists dressed up in white sheets to look like dead Confederate soldiers (no one was fooled) and tried to terrorize voters to keep them from the polls.

It didn’t work. Voters ratified the new constitutions, which guaranteed Black voting. Congress readmitted the southern states to the Union, but not until they ratified the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution. That crucially important amendment dissolved the state laws discriminating against Black Americans. It established that Black people were U.S. citizens and guaranteed that the U.S. government would see to

it that no state could take away the rights of any citizen without the due process of law.

In 1870, white politicians in Georgia tried to undermine their new state constitution. The American people then ratified the Fifteenth Amendment protecting the right of Black men to vote. Congress also created the Department of Justice to enable the federal government to enforce the Fourteenth Amendment, which it promptly did. Attorney General Amos Akerman, a former Confederate who had become a Republican, oversaw more than 1000 cases against the Ku Klux Klan.

With the federal government holding them to account for their racist attacks on Black Americans, southern white supremacists began to argue that their objections to Black equality were actually about voting. By 1871, they argued that Black men voted for leaders who promised roads and hospitals and schools. Those social investments would require tax levies, and since the Black population was poor almost by definition after enslavement, those taxes would fall almost entirely on the white men who owned property. In this telling, Black voting was essentially a redistribution of wealth from those with money to those without, from white men to Black men. It was socialism.

White supremacists began to say that they objected to Black voting and to the governments Black people elected not on racial grounds, but on economic ones. They promised to “redeem” the South from the profligate state governments that they said were bleeding tax dollars out of white landowners to provide services for the poor, generally characterized as Black, although there was no racial monopoly on poverty in the post-Civil War South.

In 1876, the “Redeemers” took over the southern states, thanks partly to the rhetoric that made them sound reasonable to northern observers and largely to the violence that enabled them to keep Black men from the polls. The “Solid South” would stay Democratic until Arizona Republican senator Barry Goldwater, running for president on a platform that called for the federal government to leave states’ racial discrimination alone, won five deep southern states in 1964.

The violence of the 1876 election, along with fears of what their lives would look like in its wake, led Black Americans to leave the South in a movement known as the Exodus. In 1879 and 1880, about 20,000 Black southerners went west to Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado. “[T]he whole South...had got into the hands of the very men that held us slaves,” one recalled, “and we thought that the men that held us slaves was holding the reins of government over our heads.... [and] there was hope for us and we had better go.”

About two thousand of those migrants went to Indiana.

Indiana was a contested state in which the Republican and Democratic parties traded power. In 1876, it had gone to the Democrats by a few thousand votes.

When Black Americans began to come to their state, Indiana Democrats immediately howled that the Republicans were importing Black migrants to shift the state back toward the Republicans in the 1880 election. Their clamor was loud enough to cause a Senate investi-

gation. The Democratic majority on the select committee concluded that the Republicans must have induced the Black southerners to leave their region because there was well-paid work and no violence in the South; Republicans retorted that if they were really trying to flood the electoral system, they would have left Black Americans where they were.

But the conspiracy theory took root. White Hoosier Democrats met Black migrants with showers of rocks and vowed to “clean out all the g-d d- -n\*\*\*ers in the county before the [1880] election.” After a political rally in Rockport, Indiana, Democrats attacked local Black inhabitants, shouting: “Kill them, kill them.” After they shot Uriah Webb, one rioter stood over his body and said, “One vote less,” while the others cheered Democratic presidential candidate Winfield Scott Hancock.

Racial hostility kept the Black population of Indiana small, but it also fed the cultural and social discrimination that made Indiana the beating heart of the resurgent Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s. Under violent con man David Curtis Stephenson, who raped, mutilated, and murdered a female state employee, the Indiana Ku Klux Klan developed the idea of “100% Americanism,” which argued for a hierarchy of races in which the white race was uppermost. Immigrants and Black Americans, that theory said, were destroying traditional America.

That argument has poisoned American politics since the 1870s. On Saturday, the Buffalo shooter echoed the modern European great replacement theory, but he also echoed the racial “socialist” argument of the US. He railed against Black Americans, whom he wildly insisted take, on average, \$700,000 apiece from white Americans. He urged those who thought like him not to pay taxes, which he said would be wasted on such people. Then he warned white Americans not to become a political minority because minorities are never treated well.

Today’s Republican politicians, including Elise Stefanik of New York, the third ranking Republican in the House of Representatives, have pushed the great replacement theory for years and even after Saturday’s massacre have refused to denounce it. That theory is based in racial hate, but it is not only about racial hate. It is also about politics, and today Republicans are using it to create a one-party state.

“I know that the left and all the little gatekeepers on Twitter become literally hysterical if you use the term ‘replacement,’ if you suggest that the Democratic Party is trying to replace the current electorate, the voters now casting ballots, with new people, more obedient voters from the Third World,” Fox News Channel personality Tucker Carlson, who is one of the country’s leading proponents of the great replacement theory, said on his show. “But they become hysterical because that’s what’s happening actually. Let’s just say it: That’s true.”

It was not true in 1879, it is not true now, and people making this argument have blood on their hands.

Heather Cox Richardson is a Boston College history professor who writes a daily online newsletter titled “Letters from an American.”



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West Side Stories

# The unsinkable spirit of Simone Cazeau

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

The month of May on the west side of Washington Street in Dorchester has everyone seeing blue and red – that being the large blue and red fields of color on the Haitian flag as so many neighbors celebrate Haitian Flag Day and Haitian Heritage Month.

It is a lively time that makes me nostalgic, particularly for some of the elderly Haitian residents I have known in the neighborhood – some family and some as good as family.

I recall a long-gone friend of our family, Simone Cazeau. A resident of Dorchester for an eternity, ‘Madame Simone’ had an iron constitution and was cut from the kind of cloth they don’t make anymore. Most of us, sad to say, wouldn’t make it to the other side as she did.

She had a brother who lived down the street from me, Daniel, whom I never saw without a suit and fedora – well-groomed, a fast talker, and laughing a mile a minute.

Simone must have been one of the first Haitian folks to come to the Boston area, but she didn’t exactly choose to do so. As she told us, she worked in a fancy hotel in Port-au-Prince in the 1950s, back when American tourists, not American NGOs, frequented the island. She made good money by Port-au-Prince standards, but nothing was ever enough.

Then her life changed when a nice couple from Newton was impressed with her during a visit to Haiti. She had cleaned their room, and never stopped showing off her winning smile – a trait she carried to her last days. They eventually offered to bring her

to the United States and pay her well to take care of their children and their home. It was an opportunity most in Haiti do not turn down. She landed here in 1960.

But when she arrived in Newton, everything changed. The couple weren’t so friendly now, and they didn’t pay her well. They didn’t give her weekends off, as promised, either. She wasn’t allowed to leave the home, and so she couldn’t send money back to Haiti – which was the whole purpose of the bargain.

She was cut off, trapped, and couldn’t speak English. A dignified Haitian woman, mindful of the heritage of Haiti’s revolution and hard-won freedom, had been reduced to servitude.

Her fortunes changed a few years later when she was given Sundays off. She spent those days at a nearby park. A Newton police officer saw her often, she said, and since she didn’t exactly fit the Newton mold, he was curious and would greet her. Simone said she knew how to say, “Help.” And so, one day, she told us, she took a chance and said that word to him, and it changed everything. The officer got to the bottom of the situation and helped her regain her freedom.

That unleashed a wave of activism – organizing, singing, fighting, and friendship all over Dorchester – and Greater Boston for that matter – for about 45 years. Madame Simone, like many early Haitians in Boston, settled in Dorchester just off Uphams Corner. In 1970, she bought a house at the corner of Howard and Sargent Streets, working long hours cleaning dorms at Boston University to pay for it and to finance the passage of her family and others to the US.

Never one to miss an opportunity, she always made an impression on people in high places and was determined to use those connections to assist others like her who were getting a raw deal.

Somehow, she was an honored guest every year at the Harvard Yard Picnic. There she met a high-powered lawyer downtown who would do anything for her at the drop of a hat. She sang in a family folk chorale that toured the region. She attended Kit Clark in Fields Corner nearly every day and learned to speak Spanish and play the piano and delighted in knowing about other cultures. She volunteered at the ESWA union on Bowdoin Street every other day.

Always on the go, even beyond the age of 80, she said she had to keep up because someone needed help, and the time to slow down was at death. Her left leg stopped working around 2000, but she kept going – saying in Kreyol, “Jamn pa bon!” – giving the leg a couple of slaps, and then moving on.

There was always food to be delivered to someone, a winter coat with a child’s name on it, or a song book to retrieve for her. There were many ups and downs in her life here in Dorchester – she survived a devastating fire in her home, and the death of her son when she was older – but they were always met with perseverance and what some call the strength of the revolution.

We gave her a surprise 80th birthday party at the old Three C’s function hall on Blue Hill Avenue years ago. As the music began to play, Madame Simone took her walker to the center of the dance floor and danced all night long – with her award-winning smile. In 2009, Simone passed away with dig-



Madame Simone Cazeau.

nity. “Friend of many” were the words used to describe her in the obituary, and it was the truth.

Last year, I came across her great-grandchildren by happenstance in Everett at the local high school graduation. Their grandmother recognized me. The young man graduating hadn’t known his great grandmother, but the young track phenom was heading off to college to study robotics and do advanced STEM work. By all accounts he has a bright future ahead. It’s amazing to think that in the space of one generation a people could go from servant to scientist.

Some people are cut from a different cloth. They have a way of coming out ahead even when the odds rarely work in their favor, which is what Madame Simone did her whole life in this community.

In my book, that’s quite a heritage to celebrate.

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# GMNC panel votes unanimously to oppose any new liquor licenses

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) has taken a stand against the proliferation of liquor licenses being requested at various outlets in the neighborhood – including some that have been problematic in the past.

At the May meeting of GMNC, Matt Skelly of the Public Services Committee indicated they had written letters of opposition for two new licenses being requested at the License Board. The two licenses requested will move on to hearings at the that board with recommendations from the GMNC not to approve.

The move was a continuation of a trend in the last 10 months or so for gas stations and other outlets in Mattapan requesting new licenses or upgrades to their existing licenses. It has been a concern for the GMNC for at least the last six months.

First, Camilo Liquor and Market on River Street was opposed by the committee unanimously for its application to get a new license and re-locate next door at 544 River St.

Skelly said Rev. Zannetta Armstrong of the abutting Church of the Holy Spirit has several concerns about the new

license, and he indicated they’ve had difficulties with Camilo’s current store for some time. The landlord at the current location did not renew the business’s lease, forcing them to get a new license and move next door or close.

Meanwhile, the Wave Express gas station at 844 Morton St. was also opposed by the whole Committee for a new beer and wine license.

“We heard from a lot of people noting there is no local support,” said Skelly. “There have been several issues at the gas station not addressed.”

**Block by Block**

A majority of the GMNC May meeting was taken up by a planning online meeting going block by block up Blue Hill Avenue to talk about the Action Plan. Allentza Michel of Powerful Pathways organized the effort with the city to get specific input about specific geography.

Chair Fatima Ali Salaam said the new format for getting input during a meeting was well received. Many particularly liked having break-out groups that discussed only certain parts of Blue Hill Avenue, she said.

• Barbara Crichlow was surprised at the start of the meeting with an award for Community Excellence and Participa-

tion. Crichlow is known to attend nearly every meeting in the area and is very involved civically.

“You are our community’s library, and we wouldn’t know what to do without you,” said Chair Ali Salaam.

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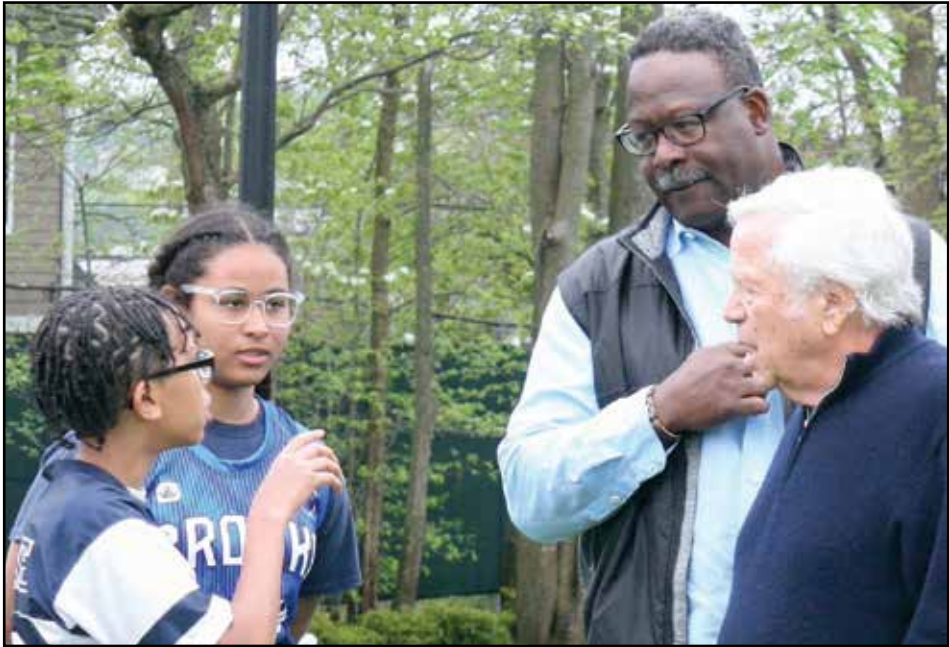
# A place to play: Brooke Mattapan students celebrate with Patriot backers

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

Brooke Charter School Mattapan 7th grader Emily Ramirez lives for sports and craves competition, but far too often urban middle and high school students like her often don't have the same opportunities to get on a playing field that their suburban and private school counterparts do.

It was in that spirit last Thursday ( May 12), that New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, wide receiver Kendrick Bourne and a host of non-profit leaders visited the Brooke Mattapan to officially open a brand-new playing field behind the school (which is the former Hecht House) so that students like Ramirez can play, practice, and elevate the Brooke Hawks to trophies and titles.

"Sports are my life," said Ramirez during the ceremony on Thursday. "I love being on a team and playing all sports. Brooke Mattapan will now have a place to practice and play a game. I love this field. It will give me and my classmates



Brooke Mattapan 7th graders John Gomes and Emily Ramirez talk about the upcoming sports seasons with former Patriot Andre Tippett and Patriots owner Robert Kraft.

at Brooke Mattapan the opportunity to get better and play sports in high school and beyond. I can't wait to play soccer in the fall."

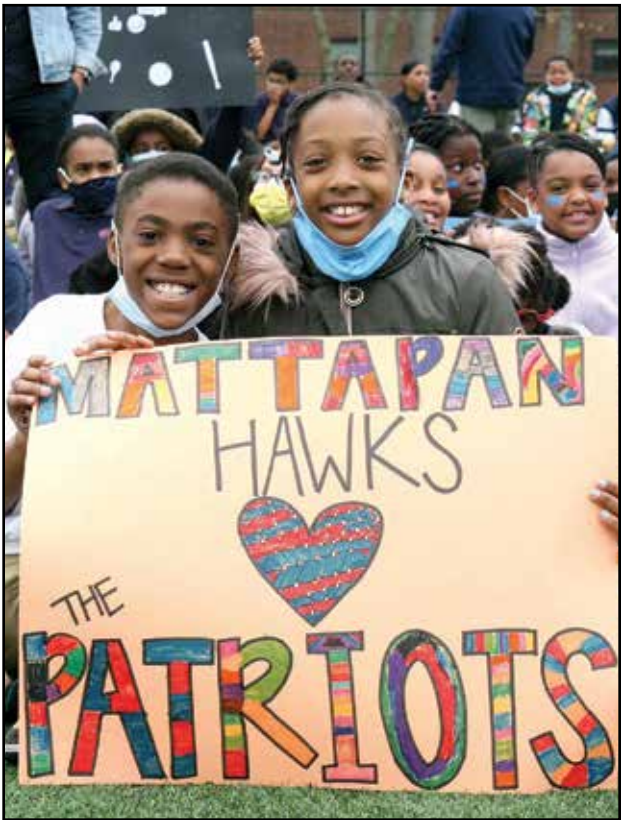
Her classmate, John Gomes, appreciated that he and his fellow flag football teammates will finally have a home field to play on. With the season just about to start, he said they have their sights set on another

championship. The team has won flag football titles before, but never have they had a chance to play a home game or be able to consistently practice on their own field.

"Having the opportunity to play on this field and know it's my team and my field is special," he said. "My brother helped Brooke Mattapan win its first flag football champi-

onship. This year I want to do the same thing, and I want to thank Brooke Mattapan for giving me all these sports opportunities."

The brand-new turf field and two renovated basketball courts come from a partnership between the New England Patriots, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and the Brooke Charter School



Brooke Mattapan students Edward Tapar-Solano and Darcy Tarte showed their love for the Patriots.

network. Constructed in part with a \$250,000 grant from the Patriots through the NFL-LISC Grassroots Foundation, the field will serve students from across Brooke's charter school network and community athletic groups in Lena Park. The field is the largest component of an overall recreation facilities redesign at the Brooke Mattapan campus.

With students chanting "Thank You" in unison and holding up handwritten signs expressing their excitement, Kraft took to the podium and said it was an amazing way to start the day.

"I'm very encouraged you all will be able to use this field for athletics, especially for youth football," he said. "I expect and hope at least one of you to join the New England Patriots in 15 or 20 years."

In addition to Kraft, Patriot Hall of Fame legend player Andre Tippett, and current receiver Kendrick Bourne, offered comments.

"This field is a great classroom," said Tippett. "We used to call what we did on our practice field in high school 8th period. If you fail on the field, you learn to get up and

try again for success the next day."

Brooke Mattapan Athletic Director Sean McKenna said the field was previously land that couldn't be used by the school. Now, he said, they have games and practices booked every day.

"Three years ago, this spot was a bumpy, rocky patch of grass," he said. "It couldn't even be used for exercise, let alone practices and games... This field speaks to the fact that people believe in you."

Said state Rep. Russell Holmes: "This is another \$1.75 million investment not just for Brooke Mattapan, but also for the community at large. Our kids don't just need strong teaching in the classroom, they also need experiences to make them well-rounded students. That is accomplished by having the chance to be on teams like the soccer and flag football."

The Brooke Mattapan, which serves about 500 children in grades K-7, will begin hosting flag football games this month. It also has a high school next door, and other school buildings in Roslindale and East Boston.



Patriot receiver Kendrick Bourne, Judene Williams, Patriots owner Bob Kraft, state Rep. Russell Holmes, Brooke Mattapan Co-Director Jon Clarke, and former Patriot player Andre Tippett. Seth Daniel photos



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# Signatures reflect sharp turn on road to the primary vote

(Continued from page 1) Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) after the monthly OCPF financial report deadline, so her first round of campaign donors should show up in the April report cycle.

State representatives Liz Miranda, of the 5th Suffolk District, and Nika Elugardo, of the 15th Suffolk district, were the earliest two candidates in the race for the Second Suffolk seat. Both were elected to their House districts in 2018.

Miranda, a former community organizer and youth worker who was spurred to run for office after her younger brother was shot and killed, highlights her work on gun violence prevention, environmental justice, and Covid-19 funding and vaccine equity. As of the May OCPF filing, Miranda had pulled in about \$13,800 in May and has \$13,500 cash on hand.

Elugardo, once Chang-Díaz's policy director and a nonprofit worker, was backed by progressives in her initial run when she ousted former representative Jeffrey Sanchez. Her policy proposals include removing the statewide ban on rent control. During the race to date, she has high-

lighted ongoing efforts to address the conditions of incarcerated persons. She brought in about \$20,600 in April and has \$26,400 cash on hand.

Miniard Culpepper, a lawyer and senior pastor at Roxbury's Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, announced his intention to run in March. The faith leader and community advocate oversaw HUD's fair housing policies in New England for decades, and is running on a platform of affordable housing, income and wealth equality, and youth education. He raised \$25,000 in April and leads the pack with \$71,000 cash on hand.

Culpepper, Elugardo, Miranda, and Wilkerson will take part in a JP Progressives candidate forum on May 19.

Two other potential Second Suffolk hopefuls have submitted signatures to the city. James Grant, a MBTA trolley driver and deacon at the Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury, says on his campaign website that he wants to bring change and accountability to the seat.

Kelechi Lindardon, whose OCPF filings indicate only a P.O. Box, has submitted enough signatures to the city, though the elections department

is still reviewing the papers. Lindardon is seeking the Second Suffolk seat as an unenrolled candidate. All others are running as Democrats, according to the city.

The 5th Suffolk seat left open by Miranda is also drawing a crowd. Candidates must submit at least 150 certified signatures to run for state representative, as compared to the 300 for state senator.

Christopher Worrell, assistant director of diversity, equity and inclusion at the Boston Planning & Development Agency; Danielson Tavares, the city's chief diversity officer; and former state representative and former at-large city councillor Althea Garrison have all submitted enough signatures to the city to run as Democrats.

Worrell is the younger brother of District 4 City Councillor Brian Worrell. He raised \$3,563 in April and has \$7,714 in cash according to OCPF filings. Former mayor Martin Walsh appointee Tavares brought in \$4,623 the same month and has \$13,741 in his war chest. Garrison's OCPF filing numbers have not moved during this race. The perennial candidate began with \$375.38 and has reported no receipts as of May.

Frequent candidate Roy Owens, who has unsuccessfully sought state and city offices, and Sean Nelson have also submitted signatures as unenrolled candidates, according to the city. Owens has not updated his OCPF filing from his prior run for the District 7 council seat. Nelson has no state financial

filings as of May. Signatures will be reviewed by the state until the end of May, with May 31 as the deadline for candidates to file nomination papers for district offices.

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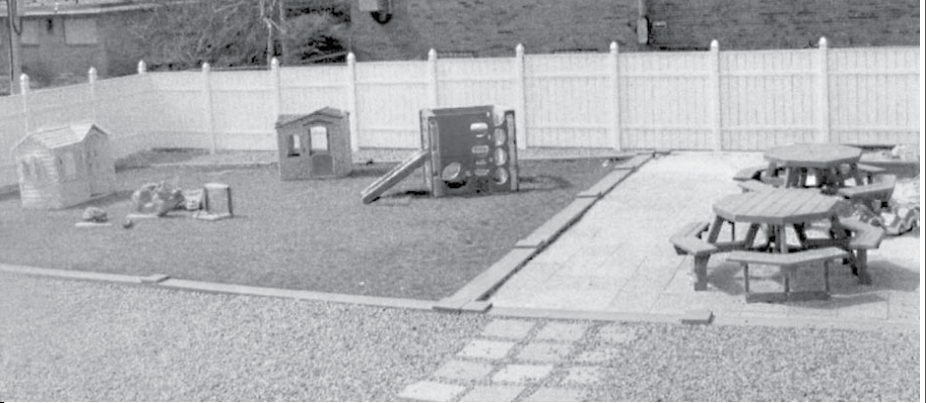
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# MBTA plan would shuffle bus routes in Dot, Mattapan

(Continued from page 1) current weekday bus service is “frequent,” defined as a bus running every 15 minutes or sooner, under the current schedule. The new draft plan would push that rate up to 50 percent.

T officials project that their plan would newly give 275,000 more Bay Staters access to bus trips every 15 minutes or less, running all day, seven days a week, adding to the 1.5 million residents who have access to high-frequency transit or bus today.

In Dorchester, this means doubling the number of high frequency connections to six, adding service every 15 minutes for the connections between Harbor Point and Uphams Corner to Copley Square and Back Bay, Columbia Road to Andrew (Red Line) and Forest Hills (Orange

Line), and Newmarket Square to Longwood Medical Area and the Seaport. Additional mid-day, evening, and week-end service is expected to create a 50 percent increase in service for Dorchester, according to the proposal.

Mattapan would see a 25 percent increase in service, with the neighborhood-specific summary highlighting improvements on the Route 14 and 30 buses. The neighborhood would also get new frequent service to Longwood Medical and Kenmore on an extended Route 28 bus.

However, persistent financial pressures and ongoing labor struggles could drive a buzzsaw through the lofty effort. The agency estimates the bus overhaul would cost \$90 million more per year once implemented, a figure baked

into projections that an operating budget gap of hundreds of millions of dollars will erupt at the T next year and grow in subsequent years. To run the increased service, the MBTA would need to hire more drivers, and officials are already struggling to attract enough employees to run the existing bus schedule.

But Poftak sought Monday to position the MBTA as committed to the vision of an expanded bus network in spite of the pitfalls along the way.

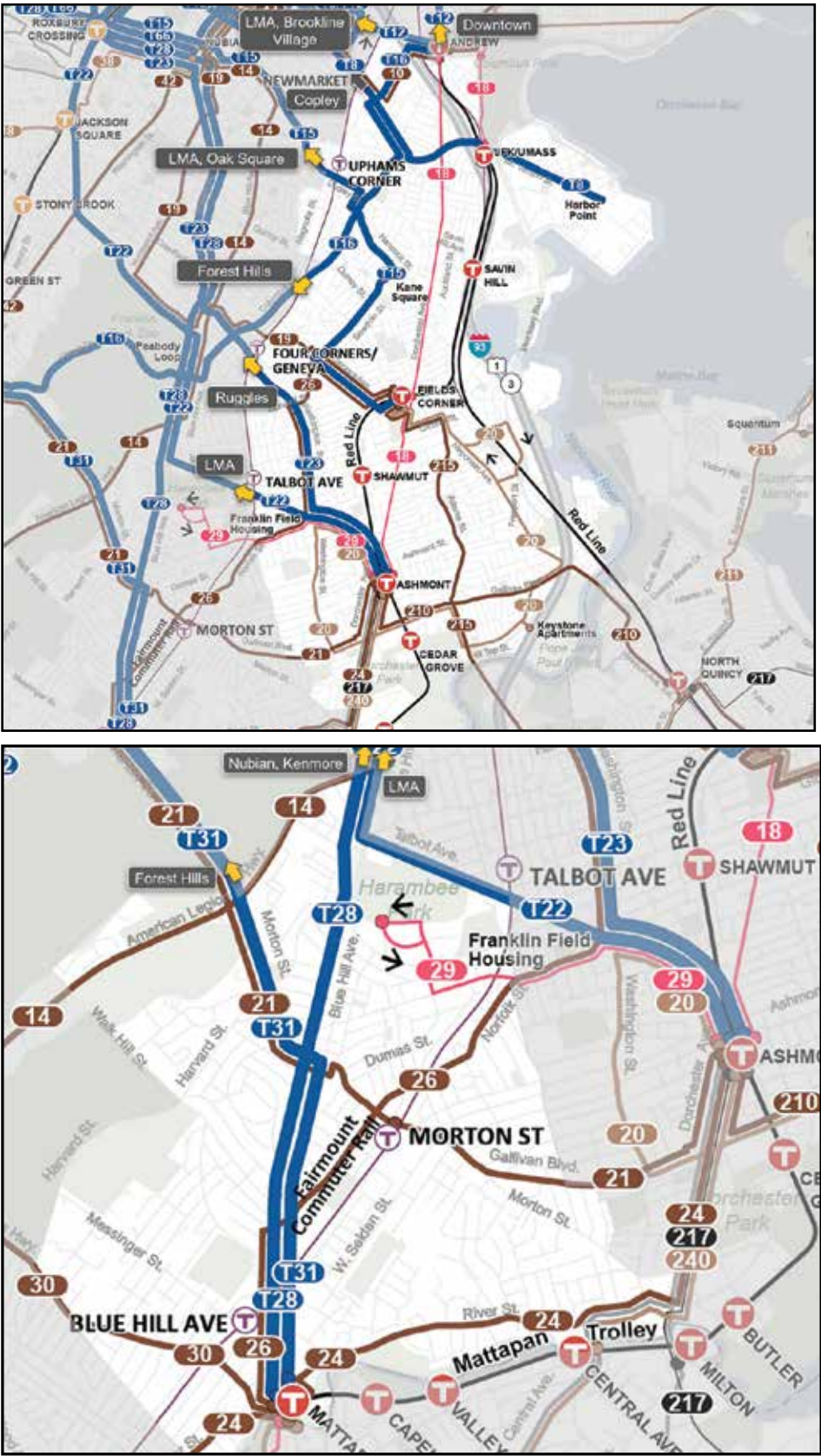
“We think this is an important initiative to put forward. This is the MBTA that we think our riders, our bus riders in particular, are really entitled to,” Poftak said.

“There’s been some public discussion with concerns about service cuts and fare increases, and this is our statement that we intend to expand service,” he said. “We will work on solutions for those out years, but we will work on them with this service level embedded in it.”

Many of the route changes floated Monday aim to provide increased service to communities of color and low-income households more likely to rely on buses, which have maintained more demand than the MBTA’s subway and commuter rail options over the past two-plus years of depressed ridership.

“It was demonstrated throughout the pandemic that we have lots of transit-dependent riders that depend on the bus,” Poftak said. “This represents a step forward for the T in terms of making the service better and providing more service.”

Neighborhood specific summaries for Dorchester and Mattapan highlight one new route – the 20 bus which “replaces and simplifies 26 loop on Washington St, 201/202 loop, and 210 on Neponset Ave and maintains/increases Red Line connections at Fields Corner, Ashmont.”



No entirely new routes are proposed in the Mattapan area, but service improvement highlights include an all-day frequency upgrade to the 31 bus between Mattapan and Forest Hills.

Summaries of the proposed changes broken down by municipality or neighborhood are available online, with dozens of documents reflecting the scale of the project.

Dorchester’s summary includes 61 changes to existing service, including alterations to routes and adjusted service times. Mattapan would see 21 changes to its routes.

The T will gather feedback on its proposal over the course of the summer, then aim to kick off implementation in spring or summer 2023.

Virtual meetings, all at 6 p.m., are scheduled regarding the entire system on Thurs., May 19, and focusing on Boston on Thurs., June 2. A virtual public hearing is slated for July 26.

Poftak said he expects it will take five years to gradually transform the bus map.

A *State House News Service* report contributed to this article.

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#### CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. SU22C0135CA

IN THE MATTER OF: NHU KHUE KAY LA VO LUU

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Nhu Khue Kay La Vo Luu of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Hien Thanh Luu**

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **06/22/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 11, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo  
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#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Docket No. SU16P2243EA

ESTATE OF: MYRTLE R. RICKS

Date of Death: 04/25/2016

To all interested persons:

A Petition For Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Myrtle L. Mines-Bailey of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **06/10/2022**.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 05, 2022

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#### NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OR PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR

Docket No. SU16P0686GD

IN THE INTERESTS OF XAVIER M. STONE OF Boston, MA MINOR

#### Notice to all Interested Parties

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Bridgett Stone on 05/27/2021 will be held **06/13/2022 10:00 AM Status Conference** Located **24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA**

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

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#### NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OR PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR

Docket No. SU20P1301EA

ESTATE OF: JOE RUFUS MOSS

Date of Death: 4/17/2020

SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Deborah C. Moss of Boston, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Deborah C. Moss of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Published: May 19, 2022

# Group sees ‘high stakes’ in Fed probe of MBTA operations

By Chris Lisinski  
State House  
News Service

Warning that a long-term federal intervention at the MBTA could lead to fare hikes and service cuts, a transit advocacy group last Wednesday slammed the T’s board of directors for “lax oversight” and called on Beacon Hill to reimagine how Massachusetts funds the agency.

The Federal Transit Administration plans to launch a nearly unprecedented safety inspection of the MBTA in the wake of a string of breakdowns, crashes and fatal incidents, including a Red Line door malfunction on April 10 that killed rider Robinson Lalin.

In a 562-word statement that touched on long-standing budget gaps at the T and a lack of details about ongoing safety work, TransitMatters said it “acknowledge(s) the importance of an FTA safety review” while voicing significant concerns about where the federal government’s new involvement could lead.

“The stakes are high. A full FTA takeover could result in forced fare hikes and service cuts, and put the federal government in charge of



Federal investigators said May 2 that a door safety system failed on a Red Line train (pictured), allowing the train to depart Broadway Station on April 10 while passenger Robinson Lalin was trapped in the door. Lalin died as a result of the accident. NTSB photo

setting priorities,” the group said. “This is unacceptable and would be a significant setback for priorities like Bus Network Redesign, low-income fares, and more. We need new resources and strong leadership because climate change, as well as racial, socioeconomic, and regional equity demand that the T be able to focus on both safety and expanding service and access.”

TransitMatters demanded that Gov. Baker

and the Legislature “act now” through a transportation bond bill or budget bill to steer major additional funding to the MBTA – a step in which neither Baker nor top Democrats have voiced any interest -- ahead of a projected budget deficit of hundreds of millions of dollars set to hit next year.

Advocates also urged the Legislature to “step up and provide the accountability and transparency the MBTA

Board has failed to provide,” arguing that the panel that held its first meeting in October has not followed through on priorities set by the now-dissolved Fiscal and Management Control Board.

FTA officials, who said they are “extremely concerned with the ongoing safety issues” at the MBTA, said in a mid-April letter they will pursue a safety investigation. Their worries and plans to get involved did not become public until nearly a month later when *The Boston Globe* reported about the correspondence.

“It is incredibly disturbing that the existence of this letter was revealed by *The Boston Globe* and not at the April 28th board meeting,” TransitMatters

said. “Advocates have expressed frustration at the lax oversight and refusal of the current Board to engage with the work of the FMCB. The FTA letter validates those concerns.”

The scope and potential ramifications of FTA involvement are currently unknown.

The FTA has confirmed that it is conducting a safety management inspection of the MBTA but declined to provide a copy of the letter outlining concerns or plans. A spokesperson who agreed to communicate only on background told a News Service reporter to submit a Freedom of Information Act request to obtain a copy.

The spokesperson said the inspection “will help MBTA assess the strengths and weaknesses

of its safety systems and identify areas where the agency can further reduce risks and make other safety improvements.” Results of the investigatory work “will determine what next steps are taken by FTA,” the spokesperson said.

The FTA’s safety management investigation of the MBTA will be only the second time the federal agency has taken that step, following a probe of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority launched in 2015.

Federal officials took control of overseeing subway safety at the Washington, D.C.-area transit system, often referred to as Metro, for more than three years, then returned the responsibilities to a local agency in 2019.

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# CELEBRATING HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH

The Haitian Unity Breakfast brought a new and elevated energy on Friday, May 13, to Boston City Hall Plaza. The Unity Breakfast, hosted by Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune, and seemingly a who's-who of city politics – and regional politics for Haitian American elected officials – was well attended under the warm sun. There were Haitian patties, Haitian cola (Cola Lakaye), and Soup Joumou by the gallon. Mayor Michelle Wu made an appearance, and the Mattahunt Elementary Kreyol Immersion program sang songs. The breakfast was completed with a Haitian marching band that took a lap around City Hall Plaza.

HAU Founder Wilner Auguste accepts an award from Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune during the Haitian Unity Breakfast at City Hall Plaza May 13. Auguste and HAU led the coordination of the breakfast and the Unity Parade for many years and handed over the hosting duties this year to Louijeune - the first Haitian-American elected to the Boston City Council. Louijeune said she was leaning on the work of Auguste and so many others from HAU to elevate the event to the next level. She credited Auguste for his tireless efforts in coordinating the Unity Parade and other advocacy efforts for more than 20 years..



The 20th annual Haitian Unity Parade made a huge splash on Sunday, May 15, from Mattapan Square to Franklin Field. Thousands took part in marching up Blue Hill Avenue or watching from the sidelines as Haitian American United (HAU) brought the Unity Parade back after two years of pandemic-related hiatus. The Unity Parade started at 1 p.m. sharp from the Mobile station at Babson Street and ended in Franklin Field, where a full afternoon of activities took place. The Unity Parade celebrates Haitian Flag Day, which falls on May 18, and Haitian Heritage Month.

Seth Daniel photos



Young members of the Mattahunt School's Toussaint L'Ouverture Academy march proudly in the Unity Parade on Sunday.



Stephanie Valcin, Daphne Germain of the Mattahunt Elementary, and Host Valcin.



The Consulate General of Haiti's float featured Miss Massachusetts Elizabeth Pierre.



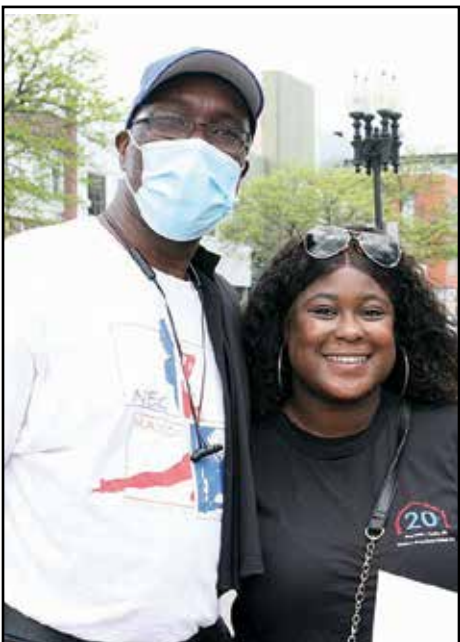
Former State Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry prepares to pass the torch formally at the Unity Breakfast to Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune – who is the first Haitian-American elected to the Boston City Council.



HAU Chair Dieuport 'Pastor Keke' Fleurissaint speaks to the crowd about issues facing the Haitian people in Haiti and the United States.



Driving the lead fire truck in the Unity Parade was Nathalie Delsoin, of Engine 49 in Readville. She is pictured here with her mother, Gertrude Delsoin, who is a key member of HAU and a parade organizer.



HAU volunteers Smith LaMothe and Fabiola Catulle helped to line up the participants in Mattapan Square.



Herby Duverne of Windwalker, Brian Concannon of Institute for Justice and Democracy, and Jean Pillard.



Mayor Michelle Wu (right) and Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune wave to the crowds as the Unity Parade leaves Mattapan Square.



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On May 16th, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester celebrated the 29th Annual New England Women's Leadership Awards. This year, the Club honored Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett: Assistant Professor of Immunology & Infectious Diseases at Harvard University; Jen Faigel: Executive Director at CommonWealth Kitchen; and Silvia Lopez Chavez: Artist & Designer. Each of our honorees serves as an incredible role model for members of BGCD. Also participating was Event Chair, First Lady of Massachusetts Lauren Baker; Emcee, Lisa Hughes of WBZ-TV; and Keynote Speaker BGCD member Fatoumata Balde. We are so incredibly proud of all our members who served as greeters, artists, performers and presenters to make this such a special evening. To learn more about NEWLA, please visit [bgcdorchester.org/NEWLA](http://bgcdorchester.org/NEWLA).

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:  
BGCD Partners with Elevate Youth for Hike at Blue Hills: This past Saturday, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester partnered with our program partner, Elevate Youth for an outdoor hike at the Blue Hills. Elevate Youth is a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower youth to explore the outdoors alongside mentors, sharing the awe and the richness of our natural world.  
  
BGCD members did some orienteering and map reading while on their hike to the Summit. Our next outing with Elevate Youth will be a trip to Thompson Island in June.  
  
Thanks to our friends at Elevate Youth for providing these monthly outings. For more information on partnering with BGCD, please contact Mike Joyce at [mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org).



BGCD Partners with Elevate Youth for Hike at Blue Hills: See details below.

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CITATION ON PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME  
Docket No. SU21C0464CA  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
KENNY NGUYEN

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Kenny Nguyen of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
**Trinh Quang Nguyen**

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 13, 2022  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU22P0332EA

ESTATE OF:  
JOSYLYN DAVEIGA  
DATE OF DEATH: 08/05/2021

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by Orlando Daveiga of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 12, 2022  
Felix D. Arroyo  
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Docket No. SU22P0306EA

ESTATE OF:  
MARIA EDUARA BARROS  
A/K/A: MARIA E. BARROS  
DATE OF DEATH: 10/06/2011

A Petition for Formal Determination of Heirs has been filed by Ines S. Evora of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.  
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By SETH DANIEL  
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A Hingham developer and members of the community Impact Advisory Group (IAG) for the restoration and new construction of the Fox Hall property in Uphams Corner have yet to reach consensus on concerns over parking and density – a situation that was front-and-center during a May 5 public meeting that featured a snappy exchange just as the meeting concluded.

The project is a joint venture of Hingham’s Mike Rooney of JLCD and Cruz Development to restore the existing Fox Hall building in Uphams Corner (554-562 Columbia Rd.) into artist lofts and complete new residential construction on the back parking lot of the building while retaining the existing three retail spaces at grade.

The project has gone through several changes over the past two years, resting now at 71 units of affordable housing for a variety of income levels, and restoration of the existing Fox Hall building and commercial units.

No existing tenants will be evicted – as they have been offered units in the new building, Rooney said, and the new building has been reduced to six stories with step ups so as not to overwhelm Virginia Street neighbors behind the project.

However, Rooney bristled throughout the meeting when residents brought up longstanding concerns about the overall development situation in Uphams Corner – to include Fox Hall and several others, like the recently filed Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation’s Columbia Crossing project.

In frustration, he harkened back to a previous master plan he had proposed for Fox Hall and the Columbia Crossing parcel that he believed would have resolved neighborhood concerns. However, his plan was not chosen by the community, and he was left to just develop Fox Hall.

With some in the community citing parking concerns, particularly for the Strand Theatre, Rooney said he had a plan, but the community didn’t want it.

“It can be frustrating as a developer when you have a site like this and you proposed a master plan with the contiguous site to produce 200 parking spaces,” he said. “We had a number of homeownership units with that project. Unfortunately, that got turned down by the community. Now we’re pushing forward with this project and hearing those same concerns...It’s frustrat-



The most recent version of the Fox Hall restoration and new construction project in Uphams Corner has 71 units of affordable housing paired with three new renovated storefronts.

ing as a developer to propose solutions to the problems, get turned down by the community and then get the same concerns about this one component (Fox Hall).”

Neighboring businesswoman Tina Zaronias, who said her family owns Uphams House of Pizza and the building at 564-566 Columbia Rd., agreed with Rooney. She said the master plan proposal by Rooney would have fixed problems and she indicated the Columbia Crossing selection

process “had shady stuff” going on.

Rooney agreed and doubled down on frustrations about being turned down for the Columbia Crossing site.

At that point, IAG member Joan Tighe had heard enough. “Get off it!” she said loudly. “I’m sorry. You weren’t selected for the project next door. Stop harping on it. It’s unbecoming.”

Added IAG member Robert Jones emphatically: “I agree – enough of it.”

With those outbursts, Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Project Manager Stephen Harvey then grabbed the reins and put a stop to the meeting.

“We’ve had a good meeting so far and we’re over time, so I think we’ll conclude now,” he said.

For IAG members and residents, the key frustration with Fox Hall is about congestion on Columbia Road, in Uphams Corner and at the proposed Fox Hall parking and pedestrian entrance on narrow Arion Street. Such concerns had also been aired a week before in an IAG project meeting. Residents said they are concerned that there is so much development going on at the same time the Strand is being tabbed as a regional theatre destination, and developers aren’t seemingly talking to each other. They’re worried no one is trying to make all the pieces fit together.

Harvey said the agency is aware of the problems and challenges, and they have tried to bring the various development teams together, but they “can’t force it.”

“We can only do so much to make development teams work together to make sure the greater visions are put into place,” he said, noting that they’ve talked to both developers, but “solutions could not be found – or worked out.”

The comment period for the Fox Hall project has been extended to June 1, but the abrupt

end to the meeting has only left neighbors and the development team at odds.

The pressure also has increased this month as Dorchester Bay filed its Project Notification Form (PNF) with the BPDA for Columbia Crossing on Mon., (May 9.) Meetings on it are expected later this month and into June – with the first comment period closing on June 30.

That project, located two buildings away from Fox Hall at 572 Columbia Rd., proposes 62 affordable units, 15,000 square feet of civic, arts and below-market commercial space. Some 50 of those units would be affordable to those earning 55 percent or less of the AMI, and 12 units will be designated for artist housing.

The basement would be transformed into several sound-proofed spaces meant to be used for rehearsal space or recording studios.

The project, like Fox Hall, seeks to renovate the old Dorchester Savings Bank building on Columbia Road and add a new six-story residential building on the back of the lot.

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IN THE MATTER OF:  
MARIE SMITH  
of DORCHESTER, MA  
RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/Minor)  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by The Bostonian Nursing Care & Rehab of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Marie Smith is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jessica Libby of Milton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond.  
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.  
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/01/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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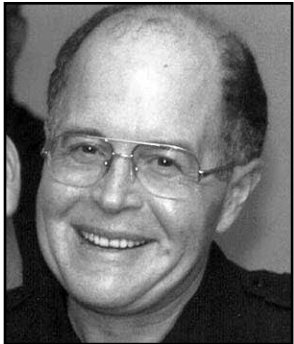
**FARRELL, Mary (Hannon)**, 94, lifelong resident of Watertown. Eldest daughter of the late Mark and Ella (McGuire) Hannon. Mary is survived by her husband Daniel; her children, Daniel of Watertown,

Eileen Burk (David) of Burlington, John, Mary Ellen, and Richard of Watertown, Bernadette (Peter Beck) of Wakefield, Anne Michaud (Gerard) of Billerica, Erin (Paul McPartland) of Needham, Paul and Mark of Watertown, and Steven (Todd Robinson) of Dorchester. She is survived by eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and 29 nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her husband's brothers Robert (Rosemary) Farrell and Jack Farrell, all of Wisconsin. She was predeceased by her par-

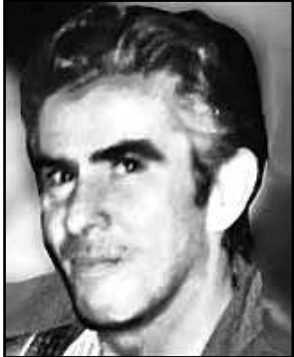
ents, Mark and Ella, her siblings (and spouses), Thomas (Ann) Hannon, Francis (Ruth) Hannon, Sr. Eileen Hannon, OP, Margaret Hannon, and Fr. John Mark Hannon, and sister-in-law Ruth Farrell. Donations may be made to St. Patrick Parish, 26R Chestnut St., Watertown, MA 02472.

**KERR, Perry Reinhardt**, 35. He was born in Brooklyn, New York. He was an active participant in the Dorchester Art Project. Perry is survived by his parents Shelley Reinhardt and Chris Kerr of Dorchester, and brother Graham, NYC, a dozen aunts, uncles and many cousins.

Association, 300 5th Ave., Waltham, MA 02451.



**MANNING, James M. "Jimmy"** of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Diane (Erikson) Manning. Father of Cindy Anglehart and her husband Jesse of Quincy, and Kimberley Jurdison and her husband Bryson of Victoria, Australia. Brother of Brian Manning of Braintree, Jane Moccio of Florida, Mary Wright of South Carolina, and the late William "Billy" Manning. Grandfather of 5. Great grandfather of 2. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. US Marine Corps veteran. He was also a dedicated boxing instructor. Please consider making a donation in memory of Jimmy to the Dorchester Boxing Club at the John P. McKeon Post, 4 Hill Top St., Dorchester, MA 02124.



**McLAUGHLIN, William J.** of Dorchester. Father of William J. McLaughlin, Jr. and his wife Karen, Kimberly

Flaherty and her husband John, Kelli McLaughlin, and Kerri McLaughlin. Grandfather of 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Predeceased by his parents and siblings. William was a US Navy veteran and a longtime member of the Teamsters Union Local 25. Please consider making a donation in memory of William to German Shepherd Rescue of New England or Paws of Honor.



**SHALLOW Edward P., Jr.** in Dorchester. Husband of Ella G. (Lynds). Father of Patricia Shallow-Small and her husband Norman, the late Edward P. Shallow III, Thomas and his wife Melinda, Pamela Stafford and her husband Joseph, Timothy and his wife Rita, Kenneth, Cynthia Hovda and her husband Craig, and Robert and his fiancé Taylor. Also survived by many grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Edward P. Shallow and Beatrice LaCourse and sisters Edna and Kathleen. US Army veteran. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

**SMIERZCHALSKA, Kazimiera (Mendofik)**, 95, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Henryk Smierzchalski. Mother of Lee Maria Duma and her husband Marek; Emily Manczuk and her



husband Joseph; Edzia Codina and her husband Miguel; and her son Waldemar Smierzchalski. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Zofia Gugala, Janina Stojanowska, Stanislaw Mendofik, and Edward Mendofik. Cherished Babcia of 5. Prababcia to 4. Donations in Kazimiera's memory can be made to the American Diabetes Association.



**SULLIVAN, Eileen (Raymond)** of Dedham, formerly of South Boston. Wife of Bartholomew Sullivan, formerly of Dorchester. Mother of Eileen Sweeney and her partner William Kennedy of Pocono Summit, PA, Edward Sweeney of Dedham, Daniel Sweeney and his wife Dorothy of Reading, Margaret Sweeney of Dedham, and Bartholomew Sullivan of Dedham. Sister of Patricia Raymond of Dedham, formerly of South Boston and the late Dorothy Ploof-Fitzpatrick. Also survived by 7 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.



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ARTURO VINCENTE CORBETT, SR.  
DATE OF DEATH: 08/25/2021

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mallah C. Windom of McDonough, GA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Mallah C. Windom of McDonough, GA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/29/2022.  
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ESTATE OF:  
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DATE OF DEATH: 04/30/2020

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for S/A- Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Eileen M. Cakouras of Milton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Eileen M. Cakouras of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
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To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Gregory Gomes of Attleboro, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Gregory Gomes of Attleboro, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
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JEANNE MARIE EDWARDS  
DATE OF DEATH: 02/14/2022

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by James Edwards, Jr. of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: James Edwards, Jr. of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
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DATE OF DEATH: 02/27/2022

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will has been filed by David L. Albright of Bonita Springs, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: David L. Albright of Bonita Springs, FL be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
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MURIEL WATSON  
DATE OF DEATH: 07/30/2021

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A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Donald E. Watson, Jr. of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Donald E. Watson, Jr. of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
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